

She might tend him as nurse, on her bosom he
 leans,
 And they called his name Obed, God's servant
 that means.

Till all Bethlehem's womankind thrilled with
 her joy,
 Said, "Still more as Naomi's, than Ruth's own,
 stands this boy ;
 Both to nourish her age and her life to restore,
 Seven sons, if she'd lost, might seem sad loss
 no more."

Now this Obed, to Jesse, proved the father they
 tell ;
 And from Jesse sprang David, as all know full
 well ;
 And King David's great Son came as King of
 the Truth ;
 And I lay down my pen to the Ballad of Ruth.



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